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1. (Twice Amended) A communication system including a plurality of subscriber-side units manufactured by respective desired vendors and a station-side unit manufactured by a desired vendor accommodating the subscriber-side units, the station-side unit being capable of carrying out a point-to-multipoint communication with all of the subscriber-side units by sending a message in a manner of point-to-multipoint communication,

the station-side unit comprising:

a point-to-multipoint message generating unit for generating a point-to-multipoint message; and

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a group designating message generating unit for generating a group designating message to designate some of the subscriber-side units as a component constituting a group of units which are to receive the point-to-multipoint message, and

the subscriber-side unit comprising:

a point-to-multipoint message processing unit for receiving and processing the point-to-multipoint message from the station-side unit; and

a state control unit for controlling, in response to a reception of the group designating message from the station-side unit, a status of the reception and the processing for the point-to-multipoint message in the point-to-multipoint message processing unit to a valid status ;

whereby only subscriber-side units having a valid status are allowed to receive and process the point-to-multipoint message generated by the station-side unit.

5. (Twice Amended) A station-side unit accommodating a plurality of subscriber-side units manufactured by respective desired vendors, the station-side unit being capable of carrying out a point-to-multipoint communication with all of the subscriber-side units by sending a message in a manner of point-to-multipoint communication, the station-side unit comprising:

a point-to-multipoint message generating unit generating a broadcast message in a manner of point-to-multipoint communication; and

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a group designating message generating unit for generating a group designating message to designate some of the subscriber-side units as a component constituting a group of units which are to receive the point-to-multipoint communication message;

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whereby only subscriber-side units designated as components of the group of units are allowed to receive and process the broadcast message generated by the station-side unit.

15. (Twice Amended) A subscriber-side unit accommodated together with other subscriber-side units in a point-to-multipoint communication network handled by a station-side unit which is manufactured by a desired vendor and capable of carrying out point-to-multipoint communication with all subscriber-side units, the subscriber-side unit comprising:

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a point-to-multipoint message processing unit for receiving and processing the point-to-multipoint message from the station-side unit, and

a state control unit for controlling, in response to a reception of a group designating message from the station-side unit which designates the subscriber-side unit